

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 29-35, 39-41, and 43-39 are pending in the present application, Claims 29, 31 and 38 having been amended, and Claims 1, 3-12, 14-23, 25-33, and 50-55 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendment to Claim 29 is found, for example, in Claim 36. Claim 31 is amended to be consistent with amended Claim 29. Claim 38 is amended to change its claim dependency. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 50, and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Honma (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,313) in view of Ejima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,259,469, herein Ejima), in view of Nemoto (JP 9-23375), and further in view of Katayama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,179, hereinafter Katayama); Claims 4-66 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Honma in view of Ejima, Nemoto, Katayama, and Safai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,469, hereinafter Safai); Claims 12, 14, 18, 19, 23, 25, 29, 30, 52, 54, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Honma in view of Ejima, Nemoto, Fellegara et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0015760), and Katayama; Claims 15-17, 20-22, 26-28, and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Honma in view of Ejima, Fellegara, Nemoto, Katayama, and Safai; Claims 36 and 38 were objected to for depending from a rejected claim, but were otherwise indicated as including allowable subject matter; and Claims 34, 35, 39-41, and 43-49 were allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and the allowance of Claims 34, 35, 39-41, and 43-49. In light of this indication, Claim 29 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 36. Applicants note that Claim 29

is not amended to include the subject matter of the intervening claims, as Applicants consider amended Claim 29 to be allowable for the same reasons as stated in the Examiner's statement of reasons. Amended Claim 29 recites, *inter alia*, "said display unit controls display and non-display of the guidance on said monitor in accordance with said frame display information stored in said memory." Page 15 of the outstanding Office Action states

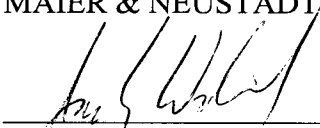
Prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest a digital camera having a normal shooting mode and a text shooting mode, comprising:

a. The display unit controls display and non-display of the guidance in accordance with the frame display information stored in the memory....

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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